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## LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS:

- The RARS General Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month.
- The RARS net meets every night @ 8 pm on 146.64.
- The RARS Technical and Trader's net is Saturdays @ 8:30 pm or following the RARS net.
- RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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## RARSFest 2008 – Kickin' It Up a Notch

**Article by Hank Montgomery K4HM**  
**RARSFest Chair**

By all accounts, the 35th annual RARSFest was a great success. Now it's time to take the 36th RARSFest to the next level! That will happen on Saturday April 12, 2008 at the NC State Fairgrounds new Exposition Center – the same location as last year.

As I write this article, Pre-registrations for RARSFest 2008 are running about 50% ahead of last year. The number of booths looks like it will be up by about 35% and while I don't have a count of table sales yet, I expect they are showing a similar increase.

This year will be a bigger challenge than in previous years. Due to changes in the cost of NC State Fairgrounds facilities we had to move RARSFest to a Saturday. So far this has received approval from nearly all of our vendors as well as those I have spoken to when selling tickets. However it will make our job a bit more difficult since we will have to set up on Friday. I urge all RARS members to visit the RARS web site at <http://rars.org> and click the hamfest link. At the bottom of the RARSFest page you will see a link saying "RARSFest volunteer workers Sign up here". Please click that link, look over the areas where we rely on our members to volunteer some time, and pick out something you feel comfortable with. We don't need you to spend all day, just a few hours to help the RARSFest effort. Each function has a name beside it. You can click on that name and send them a message saying what time you are willing to help out. We will have a worker party/picnic again this year for all of those who volunteer.

As always we will take a short break after set up to let everyone have a chance to take a breather, relax a bit and enjoy the famous social-supper organized by Mary Jo Littlewood, K4MJL. This will be on Friday evening this year. This event is always a BIG favorite of our vendors as well as our members. RARSFest provides the meat and drinks for this event and we ask that club members bring a covered dish.

As an ARRL Special Service Club, RARS is committed to the development and training of new hams. To support these commitments we will again this year

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# The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS) was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the Amateur Radio community in the greater Triangle area. In 1999, the society incorporated a new RARS and obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status.

The objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through amateur radio; to be of public service by providing

radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic need; to educate members in radio technique; and to provide training classes to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is eligible to apply for membership. Dues for regular licensed amateurs are \$18 per year (from July 1 through June 30). Additional immediate family mem-

bers pay \$5 each per year. Dues for licensed amateurs older than 59 or younger than 16 are \$12 per year. Dues for non-licensed associate members are \$9 per year. Applications for membership may be obtained from the treasurer or on the RARS website (RARS.org).



## The *Exciter*

The *Exciter* is the official newsletter of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. It appears each month as a PDF on the RARS website at [www.rars.org](http://www.rars.org). Members receive email notification when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Treasurer.

The *Exciter* welcomes articles, advertising, and other contributions. To submit a piece to the newsletter, please contact the Editor.

The views expressed in the *Exciter* are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or RARS.

The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces.

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## Public Service Opportunities

### **Relay for Life – Benefiting the American Cancer Society**

Saturday, April 26: 7:30 am till Noon  
Panther Creek High School in Cary  
6770 McCrimmon Parkway

Contact: John Snellen AI4RT  
ai4rt@hotmail.com

### **WALK MS – Benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society**

Saturday, May 3rd  
RBC Center

Contact: Bob (K4RLC) & Alanna (K4AAC) Condor  
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### **VE Testing**

The RARS VEs will accept walk-in testing at the February, May, August, and November RARS meetings; the RARSfest in April; the Cary Swapfest in July; the JARSfest in November; and following RARS license classes.

Please bring a photo ID, your current license, a copy of your current license, and any CSCEs you have for credit. Visit [www.rars.org](http://www.rars.org) for more information.

### **RARS General Meeting**

*Date:* First Tuesday of each month

*Location:* Forest Hills Baptist Church  
201 Dixie Trail  
Raleigh, NC 27607

*Time:* People begin arriving at 7 pm. The meeting officially begins at 7:30 pm.

### **RARS Monthly Dinner**

Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for the RARS dinner. It's open to everyone: RARS members, non-members, friends, and family – feel free to bring your little ones!

Golden Corral @ 6129 Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm.

### **RARS Repeaters in Raleigh**

145.13 (82.5 PL)

146.64

444.525 (82.5 PL)

Join us for the nightly RARS net @ 8 pm on the 146.64. All hams holding a Technician class license or higher are invited to checkin. We welcome both RARS and non-RARS members to the net.



## Upcoming Hamfests

- April 12 RARSFEST 2008  
Raleigh, NC
- April 19 Catawba Valley Hamfest  
Morganton, NC
- April 19 Mobile Hamfest & Computer Show  
Mobile, AL
- May 3 Upstate Hamfest (SC Section Convention)  
Spartanburg, SC

## SKYWARN Updates

Central Carolina SKYWARN will host a SKYWARN Spotter Dinner on Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30-8 PM at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 6129 Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh. State Climatologist Dr. Ryan Boyles will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Climate Change and What that Means for North Carolina." The dinner will start at 6:30 PM; the program around 7:15 PM. All spotters and weather enthusiasts are invited to attend!

Upcoming SKYWARN Net Programs:

March 4: National Severe Weather Awareness Week with a presentation by Warning Coordination Meteorologist Jeff Orrock KI4KKX; topic TBA.

March 25: Basic Spotter Training (Part I) with NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Jeff Orrock KI4KKX.

For more information, visit [www.ccskywarn.net](http://www.ccskywarn.net).

## February 2008 RARS Net Reports

Checkins: 358	Special Interest Nets:
Traffic: 23/20	Checkins: 90
Minutes: 550	Minutes: 590
Sessions: 29	Sessions: 12

For information  
about public service  
opportunities, upcoming  
hamfests, and more,  
visit [www.rars.org](http://www.rars.org).

## April Birthdays

Ray	K2HYD	04/02
Raul	N1XI	04/02
Roger	KB4FEU	04/02
Bob	W4TTX	04/03
Henry	WB2AGA	04/08
John	W2RDU	04/08
Lawrence Carringer		04/09
Sam	KI4SED	04/11
Jim	KB4BZ	04/12
Phillip	KG4IVD	04/16
Dick	KB1HIW	04/17
John	W4WWD	04/20
Glen	K1GW	04/22
Neal	N4HAF	04/23
Dave	KG4OPZ	04/24
Don	WA4AVU	04/26

## Welcome to RARS!

Lanny Aldrich, Jr.	K1LEC
Cam McIntire III	KU4VY
Kevin Miller	KG4BYG
Debra Owen	KJ4AST
Mike Pinkerton	No License
Roger Sturtevant	KI4NGL
Mike Thurman	KB7NLA

include the Fox Hunt, J-Pole antenna construction table, and Special Event Station where our guests can earn a certificate by operating under the callsign N4C. This year RARSFest will also have a “Youth Lounge”. You may have seen this done at Dayton the last couple of years, or at the 3007 ARRL National Convention in Huntsville, Alabama. The Youth Lounge is intended to be a place where young hams and potential hams can talk to each other about Amateur Radio in a peer-to-peer environment. Robin Lane, KI4LEC, is heading up this new feature and hopes to have a number of young hams in the booth during the show to field questions from interested visitors. She has a number of activities planned specifically aimed at school aged visitors. RARSFest is the ARRL North Carolina State Convention again this year and our special guest from ARRL will be Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM. Andrea is a recent Young Ham of the Year and has been involved in getting youngsters involved in Amateur Radio. She will be a big asset to RARSFest.

We will also expand our “Hands On” activities this year. Last year we had supplies on hand for interested parties to build a J-Pole antenna. This year we have expanded that idea to include building a simple hand held Yagi antenna. Glen Whitehouse, K1GW, is heading up this effort and would be glad to have some volunteers to help out. We hope some of these antennas will be used in the fox hunt.

Please help us spread the word about RARSFest. When someone is curious about what you do as an Amateur Radio Operator be sure to include RARSFest in your answer. Invite them to come and operate our Special Event Station, meet and talk with other hams, listen to the information on digital communications, and get supervised hands on experience with a soldering iron. Invite a youngster – or better yet bring them with you. Whenever you check into a net, work a station on HF, visit an electronics store, or even just rag-chew on the repeaters, work RARSFest into the conversation. Be proud of it – Your club has one of the largest and best hamfests in this part of the county.

For more information please contact me anytime at K4HM@arrl.net or 577-1254 (home)/818-7455 (mobile).

## **SKYWARN OFFERS BASIC SPOTTER TRAINING VIA THE TUESDAY NIGHT NET**

### **Article by Virginia Enzor NC4VA, Central Carolina SKYWARN EC**

Basic Spotter Training will be offered on the Central Carolina SKYWARN Information Net on March 25 & April 1 at 9:15 PM on the WB4TQD 146.88 repeater. Part 1 of Basic Training will be March 25; Part 2, April 1. The instructor will be Jeff Orrock KI4KKX, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the Raleigh National Weather Service.

To complete this training, amateur radio operators must:

- Have PowerPoint software or a PowerPoint viewer and download PowerPoint presentations Part 1 and Part 2 from [www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net](http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net) or [www.weather.gov/rah/skywarn](http://www.weather.gov/rah/skywarn),
- Listen and check in at the end of both nets.
- Email CCS Emergency Coordinator Virginia Enzor at [nc4va@nc.rr.com](mailto:nc4va@nc.rr.com) with name, call sign, home address, mailing address, and phone number for the NWS Spotter Database.

Scanner listeners may participate too. They must email Virginia immediately at the end of both nets; they should include their name, home address, mailing address, and phone number in second email.

We realize that some folks do not have the capability to check into the net or listen via a scanner; in such cases, we invite folks to take a traditional Basic Spotter Class at one of the scheduled locations within the CCS area. Current offerings may be found on the CCS webpage or by visiting the Raleigh National Weather Service webpage.

A Spotter Certificate will be sent by the NWS to those completing the training.

# The National Traffic System

**Article by Joe Squashic W4TTO,  
NTS Instructor**

The National Traffic System (NTS) is a systematic method for moving messages from origin to destination effectively through amateur radio. NTS is comprised of amateur radio volunteers who pass (receive & retransmit) and handle (deliver) formal messages. These volunteer traffic handlers keep their traffic skills sharp by participating in one or more traffic nets as often as they can. Here in the Raleigh area, we have the Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net (PCTN). This net meets nightly at 9:00pm on the 146.88 repeater. The purpose of this net obviously is to handle formal NTS messages. Participants of the net will at times pass and deliver local traffic via telephone as well as occasionally sending messages back to the originating station via amateur radio. Amateurs are encouraged to check-in to PCTN when they can and participate if possible.

Traffic handling is a good skill to possess in the event of a widespread emergency. Emergencies such as hurricanes or ice storms could leave normal communication systems such as telephone, Internet, etc. severely impacted or possibly even knocked out completely. If terrestrial systems are impacted, this potentially could make radio a primary communications vehicle, maybe the only communication vehicle. If that were to happen, then amateur radio would be an important tool for getting critical messages in and out of an affected area. NTS also works hand-in-hand with other amateur radio organizations such as ARES and SKYWARN during such emergencies.

If you are unfamiliar with the procedures and protocols of handling traffic and feel you would like to learn this important skill, keep in mind that RARS supports NTS traffic training. Just check-in to the 8:00pm nightly RARS net and inform net control that you are interested in taking some traffic training. Net control will pair you up with an instructor and send you off to another repeater for some training. There's usually a traffic instructor available a couple of nights a week during the 8:00pm net.

The training is an over-the-air exercise where the instructor sends the student training messages. The student in turn receives and copies the messages down on a radiogram form. Each training message is actually a piece of information about the different aspects of formal traffic handling and running a traffic net. Call it a message within a message. The entire training exercise consists of 123 messages. If the student successfully receives and copies all 123 messages, RARS will issue a certificate of completion to the student. There is no time limit in completing the entire exercise. It all depends on the availability of the student and the instructor and how much time the two of you want to spend during each training session. A great deal of information about NTS can be obtained from the ARRL website. Just look under "Public Service" and click on "Emergency Communications" and "National Traffic System." See you on the net.

## **Column by Selene Montgomery KG4RMT, RARS President**

There have been many questions regarding the room we used for the membership meeting on March 4.

Forest Hills Baptist Church has increased the amount of donations requested for the use of their facilities, which exceeds our current budget line item for meeting costs. Thanks to Gifford Moore, KC4SAM for being the liaison between FHBC and RARS. The church is trying to match our needs for a meeting place while keeping our cost in line. Many members have spent countless hours researching other locations for RARS meetings. The task of finding a convenient location in Raleigh - at a reasonable cost for the hours we need, with adequate parking, and access without climbing stairs - is not an easy one.

On a positive note, leading the March meeting with everyone close by was exciting to me. It is much easier for everyone to hear what is being said in a smaller environment, and perhaps it's easier to pay attention as well. I realize there were problems, and these problems will be addressed in the future as best we can. Nothing is set in stone.

The use of Room 350 is our current solution, at least for the time being. We're continuing communication with the church on other options and I ask for your patience as we work through this situation.

The biggest event on the RARS Calendar is RARSFEST on Saturday, April 12.

We need everyone's help. Join us on Friday, April 11 to help with the set up. Bring a covered dish to the Friday night social. Check out the hamfest link on the website for volunteer opportunities, table reservations and ticket sales. Bring up RARSFEST when you're talking with others.

All of the things hamfests are known for will be there - dealers with new radio equipment for sale, a flea market with treasures of all kinds, forums, contests, prizes, food and drinks, the chance to build an antenna, a fox-hunt and plenty of hand-shaking between those who usually meet "on the air".

Circle your calendar on April 12 and get ready for a good time!!

## Minutes of the March 4, 2008 RARS Meeting

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society held its March meeting in room 350 of the Forest Hills Baptist Church on Dixie Trail on March 4, 2008. There were 50 members and guest present.

President Selene called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM. Since this was RARS' birthday celebration, we began the meeting by having refreshments consisting of birthday cake, ice cream, and other goodies. Following the refreshments, President Selene indicated that this was the 39th birthday but that we were not "holding" but moving on!

The following business items were discussed by President Selene:

- This is a new meeting room. It was necessitated by some confusion by the church as well as RARS needing to conserve our funds. The old room was \$150 per night and this room is on \$20.
- Visitors were welcomed and we then went around the room with each person identifying themselves by name, call, class of license and QTH. We had several visitors who had just taken the exam or anticipated taking it in the near future.
- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the *Exciter*.
- Treasurer Greg stated that we have 243 members. Our current expenses exceed our current income because of the hamfest. However, that should change when we conclude the RARSFest.
- Hamfest Chair Hank then took the floor to discuss the RARSFest. Two clip boards were passed around for people to sign up to help with the hamfest. Hank discussed the various jobs and encouraged everyone to sign up to help. On the Friday night prior to the hamfest, a supper is provided to all of the dealers and RARS members. RARS members are asked to bring a covered dish to share and have it there by 6:15.

President Selene then made the following announcements:

- RARS supper will be next Tuesday, March 11 at the Golden Coral on Glenwood Ave. This is informal and all are welcome.
- The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 18. The location, at least for this meeting, will be at the Triangle Radio Reading Service located at Six Forks and Old Wake Forest Rd.
- The program for the April meeting will be the RARSFest.
- The Charlotte Ham Fest will be this Saturday and Sunday, March 8th & 9th.
- The RARSFest will be on Saturday, April 12th. Please note that it will be on a Saturday this year.
- The Morganton ham fest will be Saturday, April 19th.
- The Dayton Hamvention will be May 16, 17, & 18. Make your reservations now!
- The QCWA meeting will be Saturday, March 27 in Siler City. Visitors are welcome.
- Following each monthly meeting, members and guests are invited to go to supper.
- RARS has held a silent auction on the webpage. A GAP vertical antenna was donated to RARS and was placed on auction to members only. The auction is over and Joel White was the winner.
- Odyssey of the Mind will be March 8th and more volunteers are needed.
- The MS Walk will be at the RBC Center this May 3rd. Bob, K4RLC is coordinating.
- On July 4th, there will be a bike event in Cary.
- The MS Bike Ride in New Bern is coming up.
- Ride for the Kids is coming in May.
- The *Exciter* editor needs input.
- There will be a technician class at the LDS Church.

Due to technical problems, our video presentation was not presented.

Door prizes:

- Alan AB4OZ won the ARRL Antenna Book.
- Bernard W4BRB won the book, Emergency Power.

The 2008 RARS Awards were presented by President Selene:

- Gifford Moore KC4SAM for being RARS liaison to Forest Hills Baptist Church.
- John Snellen AI4RT for successfully completing the three ARRL Emergency Preparedness online training classes.
- Bob Woodson WX4MMM as leader of the Annual December Skywarn/NWS QSO Party for the Raleigh Office.
- Courtney Enzor KI4HOS for continuing to do a great job on the RARS *Exciter* newsletter.
- Neal Fisher N4HAF RARS annual Field Day Chairman for several years.
- Virginia Enzor NC4VA for the outstanding job she continues to do as the RARS Education Director.
- Mike Murphy WA4BPJ technical training instructor for our licensing classes.
- Steve Jenkins KA8HXX has coordinated the Powell Elementary School Ham Radio Station and elective classes for 2005-2007.
- Chuck Littlewood K4HF logistical support to set up the Apex LDS Church shelter ham radio station.
- Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ technical support to set up the Apex LDS Church shelter ham radio station.
- Dick Orander KD4ISC acting RARS Public Service Director 2005 through 2007.
- Rod Gilvey AB4RG for leading and promoting the Annual Benefit Motorcycle Ride for the Kids each May.
- Steve Ferrarini KJ4BX RARSFest 2007 Pre-registration Chairman.
- Sandy Thomas KC4YV has assisted for many years in making the RARSFest supper such a success.
- Larry Hold KG4FIQ heads up the RARSFest club table and has participated in many public service events in the area.
- Glen Whitehouse K1GW headed up the 2007 RARSFest Experimenter's Construction project.
- Ken McEwen KI4OTO headed up the 2007 RARSFest talk-in station.

Following the individual presentations, all who assisted in public service events in 2007 were asked to stand and be recognized.

All those that have been a NCS and/or completed traffic training were asked to stand and be recognized.

All those who have assisted on the RARS volunteer examination team were asked to stand and be recognized.

Upon conclusion of the presentations, President Selene invited everyone to stay and socialize. Everyone was asked to help clean up the meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

## RARS Technician Class Produces a Bumper Crop of Successful Examinees!

**Article by Virginia Enzor NC4VA,  
RARS Education Director**

Given the task of formulating an emergency communications plan for his church, John Jaskolka N4YRD knew ham radio was the way to go. John surveyed his church membership and found quite a few members willing to get to their licenses. The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society was approached about providing a class and test session, and within a few weeks, a Technician License Preparation Class was in the works.



Above: Mike Murphy explains the concept of decibels.



Above: Students enjoyed looking at QSL cards during a break.

The class was held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Six Forks Road in Raleigh on March 15 and 22; participation was opened to the general public. Twenty-four class participants eagerly absorbed the lessons put together by instructor Mike Murphy WA4BPJ.

Virginia Enzor NC4VA set up a 2-meter radio station in an adjoining room so interested class attendees could experience their first QSO during break time. Responding to a call for amateurs, Justin Pinnix KI4WAF and Ken McEwen KI4OTO spoke with the third-party, soon-to-be hams, giving them a taste of the excitement of radio communication.

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Above: Students were attentive despite the early morning hour!

Walking away with a CSCE for a Technician Class License were Joe Barnes, Jere Snyder, Robin Covert, Carolyn Covert, John Chapman, Jon Berry, Doug Braddy, Sherwood Dixon, Travis Ward, Sridharan Jayaraman, Autumn Thomas, Robbin Thomas, R. Melvin Simler, Carol Simler, Daniel Bartholomew, Brian Spears, Chris Jones, Ralph Roth, Scott Olson, and Mike Olson. Special recognition goes to Jack Baker for passing both the Technician and General class license exams!



Above: Mike Olsen enjoys a ragchew while Chris Johns (right) observes.



Above: Dolly Pierce makes her first radio contact.

We look forward to hearing these folks on the airwaves soon!



The **RARS Technical & Trader's net** is held on Saturday evenings on the 146.64 after the 8 pm RARS net.

# Amateur Radio Nets



The **VOIP Hurricane net** is held Sundays at 00:00 UTC on the 146.775 repeater with a tone of 88.5 (IRLP node 4260). For information about activation details, go to [www.voipwx.net](http://www.voipwx.net).

Please join us on the **Carolina 440 net** every Monday night at 7:30 pm. This ragchew net utilizes the Carolina 440 UHF Link Repeater System. Comprised of the Raleigh, Down East, and Costal Wilmington link systems, there are currently 19 repeaters on the system, covering 21,168 square miles. For a list of these repeaters, please visit [www.carolina440.net](http://www.carolina440.net).



**CAROLINA 440**  
**UHF Link System**  
[www.carolina440.net](http://www.carolina440.net)

Join us every evening at 8 pm on the 146.64 repeater for the **RARS Two Meter net**. You can give a ragchew, check in and out (this counts for our total numbers reported to the ARRL!), make announcements, and pass traffic. We also offer National Traffic System traffic training. All licensed stations are welcomed to participate in the net as often as they can. This net is also a great way to learn about amateur radio if you are newly licensed!

The **PCTN (Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net)** meets every night at 9 pm on the 146.88. The purpose of the net is to handle/pass NTS formal messages. Amateur stations are encouraged to check-in and participate. The backup repeater is the 147.105 machine with a PL tone of 82.5.





Join the **Tarheel Short Wave Listening (SWL) Special Interest Group (SIG)** net on Monday evenings @ 9 pm on 146.64. We discuss all areas of radio monitoring and welcome your logs! We also have a SWL/SIG meeting on the third Monday of the month in addition to our regular net.

### Central Carolina SKYWARN

Please join us each Tuesday at 9:15 pm on the 146.88 repeater for the CCS net. On each net there are announcements, check-ins by county, and often a program or training spot. Check us out at [www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net](http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net).

See page 4 for information about upcoming SKYWARN nets and our SKYWARN dinner.



Same net – new name! The Mercury Amateur Radio Association Southeast 2 Meter net is becoming the **Apex Emergency Response Communications net (Apex ERC)**. The name change is effective March 30, 2008. The net will still meet at 9 pm Sunday evenings on the 146.64 repeater (temporarily). All stations are invited to participate in this net. The organization provides emergency communication support to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The purpose of this net is to assist ham radio operators in preparing to respond to emergencies, test their equipment, improve operating skills, pass traffic, and to provide those with a common interest an opportunity to meet.



The **Wake County ARES net** meets Thursdays around 2115 on the 146.88 repeater. We provide discussion and training for the implementation and provision of Emergency Communications for our served agencies, such as the American Red Cross and the local and state Emergency Operations Center. Please join us. [www.wakeares.org](http://www.wakeares.org).

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## RARSFest 2008

Mark your calendars and spread the word! The 36th annual  
RARSFest will be held on Saturday, April 12th.  
That's right – a Saturday hamfest!

Tickets are available NOW! Get them early!

For more information, visit [www.rars.org/hamfest/](http://www.rars.org/hamfest/).